



DELAWARE'S RESPONSE TO COVID-19

Press Briefing
May 18, 2021

de.gov/coronavirus

STATE OF DELAWARE

DATA UPDATE

120

New Cases

7-day Average

3.7%

Positive Tests

7-day Average

77

Hospitalizations

1,651

Lives Lost

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STATE OF DELAWARE

CURRENT HOSPITALIZATIONS

(SPRING 2020 PEAK) **April 27, 2020: 337**

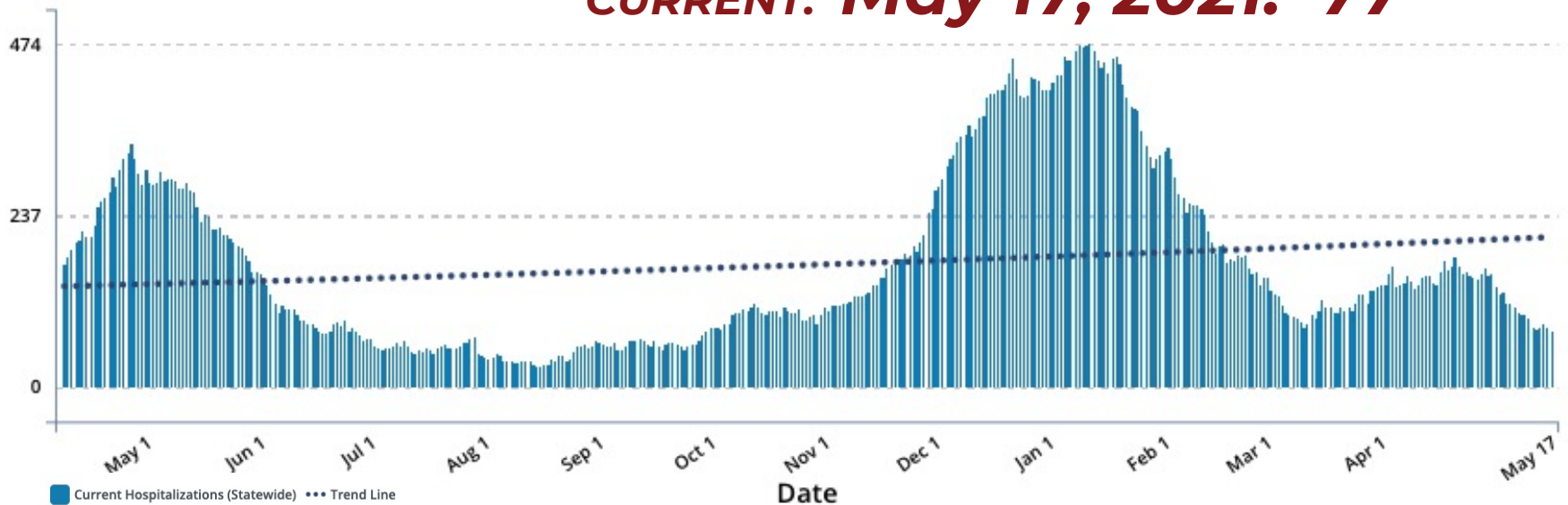
(SUMMER 2020 LOW) **August 16, 2020: 29**

(WINTER 2021 PEAK) **January 12, 2021: 474**

(WINTER/SPRING 2021 LOW) **March 11, 2021: 83**

(SPRING 2021 PEAK) **April 21, 2021: 180**

CURRENT: May 17, 2021: 77



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COVID-19 VACCINE UPDATE

**Total Vaccines
Administered**

847,746

Fully Vaccinated

353,626

63%

**Delawareans 18+
at least one dose**

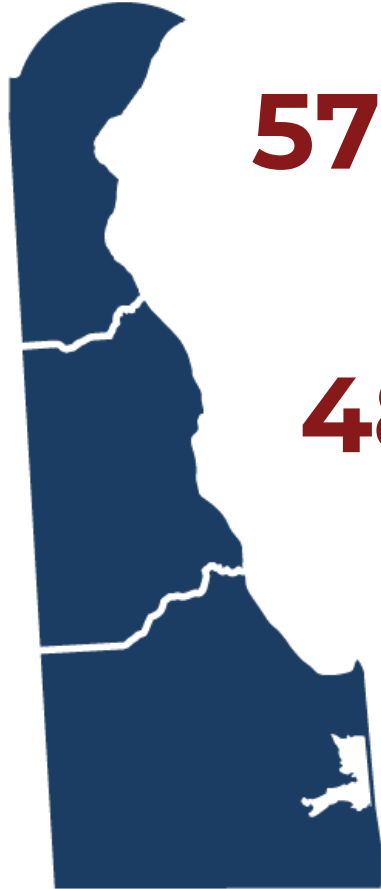
90%

**Delawareans 65+
at least one dose**

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COVID-19 VACCINE UPDATE



57.5% New Castle County residents 16+
at least one dose

48.4% Kent County residents 16+
at least one dose

61.2% Sussex County residents 16+
at least one dose

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If you're fully vaccinated,
you have **significant**
protection from
COVID-19 infection and
serious illness.

[de.gov/covidvaccine](https://www.de.gov/covidvaccine)

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EFFECTIVE MAY 21

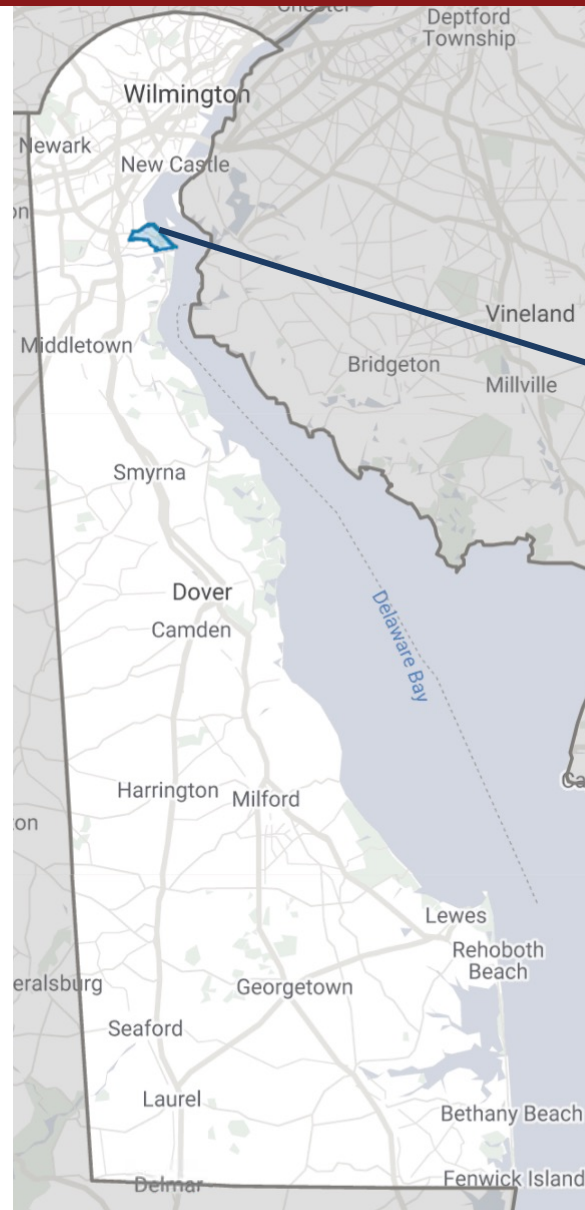
- **No capacity restrictions - 100 percent**
- **Wear a mask if you're not fully vaccinated**
- **Get your vaccine:**
de.gov/getmyvaccine

Dr. Karyl Rattay

**Director
Delaware Division of Public Health**

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Areas of Concern



**Delaware
City**

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Data as of May 16, 2021

COVID VARIANTS IN DELAWARE

Variants of Concern	Variant	Origin	# of Cases
	B.1.1.7	United Kingdom	568
	B.1.351	South Africa	1
	B.1.427	California, US	9
	B.1.429	California, US	11
Variants of Interest	P.1	Brazil	16
	B.1.525	New York, US	2
	B.1.526	New York, US	222
	B.1.526.1	New York, US	22

Positive for Variants/Samples Sequenced	Last Week		Over Time	
	100/176	57%	652/2215	29%

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UPDATED MASK GUIDANCE

STARTING MAY 21

Unvaccinated individuals should still wear masks in public settings

Masks still required in:

- State Buildings
- Public Transit
- Planes
- Schools
- Health Care Facilities
- Congregate Settings
(prisons, homeless shelters)

Businesses may impose mask requirements for customers and employees

Protect yourself – get vaccinated!

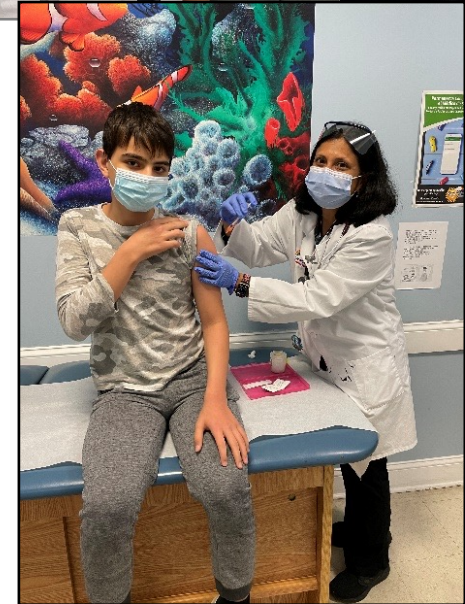
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VACCINATING 12-15-YEAR-OLDS

- **2,023 12-15-year-olds vaccinated** *as of Sat., May 15*
- **100% effective in children**
- **Vaccine can be co-administered with other vaccines at well visits**

Fact sheet available at:

de.gov/youthvaccine



VACCINATING HOMEBOUND INDIVIDUALS

- ✓ DPH staff contacted all persons listed in **Kent & Sussex Counties** and vaccinated or left messages for them.
- ✓ DPH staff and 2 DNG staff will **be finished in New Castle County on Wednesday.**
- ✓ **DPH: Call 1-833-643-1715 (option 3)** if unable to leave home due to a medical condition.
- ✓ Information for persons with disabilities or access and functional needs at **de.gov/covidvaccine**

Cookouts

START WITH A COVID-19 VACCINE

**COVID-19
STOPS
WITH us**



The COVID-19 vaccine is safe, it's free, and it's the key to protecting yourself and your loved ones from COVID-19. Stopping COVID-19 starts when you get your vaccine. So, what are you waiting for?

de.gov/covidvaccine • 1-833-643-1715

*Follow CDC protocols on mask-wearing after being fully vaccinated.

The individuals pictured are from Delaware.

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Director A.J. Schall

Delaware Emergency Management Agency

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TESTING | KNOW YOUR COVID-19 STATUS

May 8-May 14

25,579

May 1-May 7

29,835

VACCINATIONS EVENTS



FOCUS: smaller events, where people are

Frankford Volunteer Fire Company

- May 17, 5:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.

Gumboro Volunteer Fire Company

- May 18, 5:00 p.m.- 9:00 p.m.

Delaware City Volunteer Fire Company

- May 19, 5:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.

Rehoboth Beach Convention Center

- May 21, 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Dover DMV (2nd dose event)

- May 22, 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.



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EMS WEEK 2021 - MAY 16-22

Thank You!

**SIGN UP FOR YOUR
COVID-19
VACCINE**

today



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